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Title : References regarding passing away of Shri Vijay Kumar Khandelwal, a sitting member of Lok Sabha, member 11th, 12th and 13th Lok Sabhas; Shri Manjay Lal, member 9th, 10th and 13th Lok Sabhas; Shri Yashwant Borole, member 6th Lok Sabha; Shri Lala Ram Ken, member 7th and 8th Lok Sabhas and Dr. L.M.Singhvi, member 3rd Lok Sabha on 13.11.2007, 29.04.2007, 16.09.2007, 05.10.2007 and 06.10.2007 respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Vijay Kumar Khandelwal, a sitting Member of this House and four of our former colleagues, Shri Manjay Lal, Shri Yashwant Borole, Shri Lala Ram Ken and Dr. L.M.Singhvi.

Shri Vijay Kumar Khandelwal was a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha representing the Betul Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh. Earlier he was a Member of the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1996 to 2004 representing the same constituency.

Shri Khandelwal was a member of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation and Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture. Earlier he was a member of the Committee on Finance; Committee on Subordinate Legislation and Joint Parliamentary Committee on the functioning of Wakf Board during the Eleventh Lok Sabha. He was member of the Committee on Public Accounts, Committee on Transport and Tourism and Joint Parliamentary Committee on Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 1998 during the Twelfth Lok Sabha. He was a member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism; Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament and Committee on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme during the Thirteenth Lok Sabha.

A well-known social worker Shri Khandelwal was the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Betul from 1978 to 1980. He was the Chairman, District Land Development Bank, Betul from 1972 to 1977 and District Central Co-operative Bank, Betul from 1990 to 1993.

Shri Khandelwal played a proactive role in the campaigns for the protection of environment and for the betterment of the health and educational facilities for the *adivasis.*

A sports enthusiast, Shri Khandelwal was the Vice President, Hockey Federation of Madhya Pradesh.

A widely travelled person, Shri Khandelwal was the Chairman of the Indian delegation to Asian Association of Parliamentarians for Peace Conference held at Philippines in 2003.

Shri Vijay Kumar Khandelwal passed away on 13 November, 2007 at Nagpur at the age of 71 after a brief illness.

Shri Manjay Lal was a Member of the Ninth, Tenth and Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1989 to 1996 and 1999 to 2004, representing the Samastipur Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar. [R1]

Shri Manjay Lal w[MSOffice2]as a member of the Bihar Vidhan Parishad from 1970 to 1976 and 1984 to 1989. He was also a member of the Bihar Vidhan Sabha from 1977 to 1979. Shri Lal served as the Minister of State for Personnel and Transport in the Government of Bihar from 1977 to 1979.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Manjay Lal was a member of the Public Accounts Committee and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture in 1990 during the Ninth Lok Sabha. During the Thirteenth Lok Sabha, Shri Lal was a member of the Committee on Industry and the Committee on Estimates from 1999 to 2000.

A committed social and political worker Shri Lal actively participated in the freedom struggle. He was also associated with the Bhoodan Movement. A well-known social activist, he fought for the rights of farmers and worked for the welfare of the poor, downtrodden and the deprived sections of the society. He was also instrumental in setting up of several educational institutions in the State.

Shri Manjay Lal passed away on 29 April, 2007 at Patna at the age of 87.

Shri Yashwant Borole was a member of the Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979, representing Jalgaon Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra.

Earlier, Shri Borole was a member of the erstwhile Bombay Legislative Assembly from 1955 to 1957.

Shri Borole was member of Committee on Estimates from 1977 to 1979.

An educationist, Shri Borole served as lecturer in Agriculture College, Pune and as Assistant Professor in Law

College, Jalgaon, Maharashtra. He was the Vice-President of K. Narkheda Vidyalaya, Bhusawal and Jyoti Vidya Mandir, Sangavi Jalgaon, besides being member of the Managing Committees of Khandesh Education Society, Jalgaon; Tapi Valley Education Society, Faizpur and Shikshan Mandir, Jalgaon, Maharashtra.

A well-known social worker, Shri Borole was a life-member of Bharat Krishak Samaj and also organised Conference of Agriculturists. He was actively associated in the movement for eradication of dowry system.

Shri Borole has to his credit commentaries on "Bombay Village Panchayat Act, 1958" and "The Maharashtra Agricultural Lands (Ceilings on the Holdings) Act, 1961."

Shri Yashwant Borole passed away on 16 September, 2007 at Jalgaon, Maharashtra at the age of 87.

Shri Lala Ram Ken was a member of the Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabhas from 1982 to 1989, representing Bayana Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan.

Shri Ken was a member of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions from 1985 to 1987 and Committee on Public Undertakings during 1989-90.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Ken worked for the uplift of poor and marginalised sections of the society. He strove for distribution of land among the landless people in District Bharatpur, Rajasthan. He was associated with several social organisations. He served as President of Jatav Navyuvak Sangh, District Bharatpur from 1945 to 1950; District Jatav Sabha from 1950 to 1957; Balmiki Sudhar Sangh from 1954 to 1960 and Dalit Warg Sangh from 1957 to 1960. He also served as the patron of Anu Suchi Jati and Anu Suchit Jan Jati Sangh, Bharatpur from 1978 to 1983 and Bharat Dalit Sevak Sangh, Agra Mandal during 1979.

Shri Lala Ram Ken passed away on 5 October, 2007 at New Delhi at the age of 79.

Dr. L.M. Singhvi was a member of the Third Lok Sabha from 1962 to 1967 representing Jodhpur Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan.

He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1998 to 2004 representing the State of Rajasthan.

A devoted Parliamentarian, he had the distinction of serving on all the Select Committees constituted by the Parliament on Constitutional Matters between 1962 to 1967.

An exceptionally brilliant scholar, Dr. Singhvi had his education at prestigious institutions in India and abroad including Allahabad University, Cambridge University, Harvard University, Cornell University and Institute of Private International Law, Hamburg. A legal luminary, constitutional expert, diplomat, eminent jurist, philosopher and Statesman, Dr. Singhvi had a long and illustrious career. His outstanding contribution to the cause of legal system in the country will be remembered for long.

He was Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court and the Advocate General, State of Rajasthan from 1972 to 1977. A doyen of the Indian Bar, Dr. Singhvi was the Founder Member and first organising Secretary of the Indian Law Institute and an elected member of the Governing Council of the Institute.

His close associations with academic bodies and institutions benefited a generation of students in India and abroad. He was the Honorary Professor in Leicester and Hull Universities of United Kingdom and of Delhi and Andhra Universities besides being Honorary Tagore Law Professor, Kolkata University.

Dr. Singhvi's commitment to democracy extended beyond territorial confines and he was associated with the framing of Constitutions of several countries of Asia and Africa.

A gifted speaker Dr. Singhvi who had a grasp on varied subjects, participated in a number of International Conferences. He was the Deputy Leader of the Indian Delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference at Jamaica in 1964. Besides, he attended numerous Conferences, Symposiums and Seminars and in this connection, he had travelled to almost all the countries of the world.

Dr. Singhvi displayed his innate skills in diplomacy by ably serving as India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom from 1991 to 1997. During his tenure he took major initiatives to improve and strengthen the ties between these two major democracies of the world.

A multifaceted personality, he was also an accomplished author, poet, linguist and litterateur, who made illuminating

contributions in different spheres of national life. A recipient of many awards and honours, Dr. Singhvi was deeply associated with literary and cultural activities. He was the trustee of the prestigious Bhartiya Jnanpith Trust. A well-known exponent of Human Rights, in recognition of his services, he was conferred with the Ambassador of Excellence Award and also the U Thant Peace Prize.

A man of letters Dr. Singhvi had several literary and legal publications in Hindi and English [MSOffice3]to his credit.

In his demise the country has lost a worthy son and a committed votary of humanitarian values and a scholar par excellence. His absence will be felt in many walks of life.

Dr. L.M. Singhvi passed away on the 6th October, 2007 at New Delhi at the age of 76 after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11.13 hrs. *The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. on the 16th of November, 2007.

11. 14 hrs.

@The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on[r4] *Friday, November 16, 2007/Kartika 25, 1929 (Saka).*

@ As the sitting of Lok Sabha scheduled to be held on Friday, the 16th November, 2007, has subsequently been cancelled as per decision taken in the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held at 12.00 Noon on the 15th November, 2007, Lok Sabha would now meet at 11.00 A.M. on Monday, the 19th November, 2007.

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[r4] Friday, March 10, 2000/Phalguna 20, 1921 (Saka).